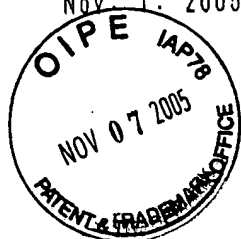


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I am the inventor of the subject application.

I have worked in the field of molten metal processing for over 30 years.

I have discovered that providing a beveled end on a filter that mounts to a dosing tube results in a greatly increased efficacy for such a filter as compared to known filtering methods and apparatus. The beveled end allows for an increase in filtering surface area as compared to known filtering methods and apparatus.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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